

# More Kids Drug Free  
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Abuse Prevention

## PROCLAMATION

Supporting the 2016 *More Kids Drug Free* Campaign

**WHEREAS**, October is National Substance Abuse Prevention Month

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 *More Kids Drug Free* campaign is sponsored by the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention and aims to increase awareness of the problem of prescription drug abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, in Wisconsin, more people die from prescription painkiller overdoses than all other drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, the rate of prescription painkiller overdoses has increased 260% among Wisconsin's young people ages 12-25

**WHEREAS**, more than four in ten teens who have misused or abused a prescription drug has taken it right out of a family member's medicine cabinet; and

**WHEREAS**, kids who abuse prescription drugs are starting early; in Eau Claire County the average age of first misuse of any prescription drug is 13; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alliance works to educate parents and community members about the need to talk to kids about the dangers of prescription drug misuse; and

**WHEREAS**, parents are the first line of defense in protecting teens from the dangers of prescription drug misuse; and

**WHEREAS**, by increasing the number of drug free kids, we'll have fewer drug problems in years to come;

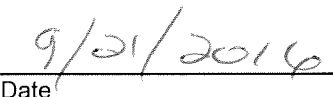
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Eau Claire City-County Board of Health endorses the "More Kids Drug Free." campaign and encourages parents to:

- Talk to their kids often about the dangers of prescription drugs and other drug use
- Safely store and secure medications in their home
- Dispose of expired or unused medicine at one of the five permanent medication drop-box locations in Eau Claire County or at a local Take-Back event

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mery Price, on behalf of the Eau Claire City-County Board of Health hereby proclaim the month of October, 2016 to be:

**"More Kids Drug Free" month.**

  
Signature

  
Date



*The Alliance is working to improve the lives of children, youth, and adults by mobilizing communities to prevent and treat alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse in Eau Claire County.*